

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20, 26-45, 51, and 52 are pending in the present application. Claims 21-25, 46-50, and 53 are canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**I. 35 U.S.C. § 121**

The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following sets of claims:

- I. Claims 1-20, 26-35, 36-45, 51 and 52;
- II. Claims 21-25, 46-50, and 53.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects invention I, claims 1-20, 26-45, 51, and 52, without traverse.

Claims 21-25, 46-50, and 53, to non-elected invention II, are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is respectfully urged that the subject application be reconsidered.

**II. Conclusion**

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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